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close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Wickersham amendment to LB 703. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The Wickersham amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We're back to debating the advancement of the bill. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I guess, Senator Stuhr or...Senator...Senator Stuhr, may I ask a question?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Would you respond?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I happened to miss the hearings on these particular bills, you know, and I will take up soon with hearing, the active hearing process.

SENATOR STUHR: Right.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Do you know how many counties do not have retirement plans per the bill...the bill...the amendment we just passed? Maybe Senator Wickersham...

SENATOR STUHR: I...I don't. Maybe Senator Wickersham might be able to address or...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I...this is probably under a nice to know information, but I...since we allowed county employees now to go under the state plan if the counties do not have a plan, I was just wondering about how many this involved.

SENATOR STUHR: Right. It is our understanding that 65 counties